House Resolution No.

Whereas, as the 2002-2003 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Scott City R-I School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty with the retirement of Dolores Richards who has devoted many years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

Whereas, Dolores Richards has taught first grade in the same classroom for thirty-three years at Scott City R-I, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, Dolores Richards has touched the lives of countless youngsters by helping them form a solid educational foundation upon which to build in the future; and

Whereas, Dolores Richards has supported her profession as a member and President of the Community Teachers Association and as a member of Alpha Delta Kappa and the Missouri State Teachers Association, for which she is a Delegate; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Dolores Richards has also taught preschool at Lynwood Baptist Church for more than a quarter century; and

Whereas, Dolores Richards has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Gerald Richards; one son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Melissa Richards; and one granddaughter, Abigail Elaine Richards:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Scott City R-I in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Dolores Richards has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dolores Richards, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by
Representative Lanie G. Black, III
District No. 161
I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First
Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and
correct copy of House Resolution No, adopted
, 2003.